

The Classics Courier

Winter 2019

Dear Classics:

We sat down and had a wonderful conversation with Phyllis Mobile, who joined us in the Classics around two years ago, about some of the experiences she has had with the trips and socials she has been a part of:

“I jumped right in and went on a Mystery Trip! It ended up being Nashville, Tennessee, and it was great! I had a lot of fun. It was organized, and everyone knew what they were doing - I would say definitely go on a Mystery Trip. If you are just starting with the Classics, going on a Mystery Trip is a great way to see if you like it. Just jump in and see where they take you!

“After that first trip, I went to New Orleans and Memphis, which was so enjoyable. And then going to Panama was something really special. It was my first cruise and my first time using a passport. I didn’t even think about going at first, but then I had a cousin say to me, ‘Oh, I’ve always wanted to go there; I’ve always wanted to see the rain forest!’ so I said to her, ‘All right, you will be my guest!’

“Recently, we went to Spain and Portugal. I had another friend who said, ‘I would go to Spain with you!’ so she was my guest. When I go to the socials, like that last one we had, Drift Away, I usually bring a friend. After that one, my friends decided to work on becoming a part of Classics, too.

“I really think everything is reasonably priced for what you get - most of the time dinners, breakfasts, and gratuities are all included. In Spain and Portugal, all the way down to the Rock of Gibraltar, most everything was covered with the one price. Everything is done for you. And the people in charge of the trips are very nice and friendly. It was my first trip to Europe, and I felt very well taken care of. I actually got sick there and Biljana went to so many farmacias trying to get the medicine I needed. I really appreciated that. You don’t have to worry about anything. You feel pampered!”

Thanks to Phyllis for the kind words, and we are so happy you have enjoyed yourself on the trips. We have a Mystery Trip coming up in the new year, so that might be your chance to “jump in” like Phyllis did. We would love to have you join us!

The Classics Team

Biljana Jovanovic & Danette Hayes

Entertaining Events in the Community Rooms

(*HearthStone Center is located at 625 Bethany Road, DeKalb, IL 60115)

For the Love of Music at HearthStone Center* - Saturday, February 2, 2019

Activity Level 1 - Join us this evening and be serenaded by the Thompson Duo, a husband and wife team who met through their love of music 18 years ago. Melanie and Tom will take you on a musical journey of music that spans the last six decades! They do their best to treat every musical palette and have a way of connecting with the audience. Our dinner will be catered by Lincoln Inn. Doors open at 4:30 p.m.; dinner at 5:00 p.m. **RSVP by January 25th. Payment is due upon registration. Members: \$36.00 • Guests: \$39.60**

St. Patrick's Day Party at HearthStone Center* - Saturday, March 16, 2019

Activity Level 1 - Well, Blimey! Can you follow the rainbow to find the pot-o-gold or maybe catch a leprechaun? Join us for an evening of Irish food and live entertainment! Doors open at 4:30 p.m.; dinner at 5:00 p.m. **RSVP by March 8th. Payment is due upon registration. Members: \$36.00 • Guests: \$39.60**

Ladies Night Out at HearthStone Center* - Saturday, April 13, 2019

Activity Level 1 - Ladies! Do you need a night out with your friends, sisters, mother, daughters, or female co-workers? Then we have what you are looking for! We have prepared a special evening of pampering, relaxation, and laughter, just for you! Our evening will include facials, massages, a fashion show, door prizes, shopping, drinks, appetizers, and did we mention shopping??!! **RSVP by April 8th. Payment is due upon registration. Members and Guests: \$15.00**

Antique Show and Appraisal at the Hampshire Branch - Saturday, April 27, 2019

Activity Level 1 - Do you have a favorite antique sitting around? Have you ever wondered if it might be valuable? Bring it to the Hampshire Branch to display and show it off for the afternoon! We will have a couple of experts on hand to give an evaluation and appraisal, Antique Roadshow-style. More details to come!

Day Trips

Puccini's La Boheme at the Lyric Opera House in Chicago - Sunday, January 13, 2019

Activity Level 2- La Boheme is one of world's most popular operas. Don't miss this timeless story of love among young artist in Paris. Experience the joy, love, heartbreak, and unforgettable music. Price includes tickets, lunch at The Sarah and Peer Pederson Room, transportation, and all tips and gratuities. We have a limited number of tickets, so please call Classics as soon as possible! **RSVP by October 20. Members: \$275.00 • Guests: \$297.00**

Mamma Mia at Drury Lane - Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Activity Level 2 - Sing along with all of your favorite ABBA songs as they tell a hilarious story of marriage, family, and finding where you belong, proving that in the end the winner takes it all! Come see why more than 54 million people worldwide have laughed and danced to this unforgettable jukebox musical! Price includes transportation, lunch, show, all tips, taxes, and gratuities. **RSVP by February 22nd. Payment is due upon registration. Members: \$120.00 • Guest: 132.00**

Extended Trips

St. Augustine - February 25th - March 2nd, 2019

Activity Level 6 - This trip is closed! If you are still interested, we may be able to sign you up, so please call Classics as soon as possible.

No Worries Mystery Trip - April 3 - 6, 2019

Activity Level 5 - Take a step back in time, and leave your worries behind on this mystery trip! Pack a bag and join us for three nights and four days as we create an experience for you with wonderful memories of places you may (or may not!) have experienced before. Deposit of \$100.00 is due upon registration. **RSVP and final payment is due January 28th. Double Occupancy Members: \$930.00 • Guests: \$1,023.00 • Singles: \$1,131.00**

Washington, D.C. - Embassy Week!

May 2-7, 2019

Activity Level 6 - We had so much fun on our last trip to Washington, D.C., and there is more we want you to see, so we are going back! This time we will be flying to Washington D.C. to experience Embassy Week! We have arranged a very special evening for our guests to enjoy a dinner in a Foreign Embassy as well as tour many of the embassies! You'll also tour Arlington National Cemetery and Monticello, home of our third President and author of the Declaration of Independence. Enjoy a performance at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, enjoy a tasty brunch aboard the Odyssey Cruise Ship while floating down the Potomac River; visit the Library of Congress, the Supreme Court Building, Washington National Cathedral, and so very much more!! Trip will include round trip transportation, airfare, portage and transfers; five nights lodging, breakfast daily, one brunch, and five dinners, and all admissions and tours as described in the detailed itinerary. **Please note: we must have a minimum of 25 people sign up to take this trip. \$50.00 discount if you sign up before December 1st! Contact Classics for more details and pricing. RSVP by January 11th, 2019.**

Ultimate Alaska: Inside Passage Plus Denali - July 14 - 27, 2019

Activity Level 6 - This trip is filling up fast! There may still be a few cabins available, so contact us as soon as possible for more information!

Activity Levels

Activity Level 1: No stairs.

Activity Level 2: A little walking, possible stairs.

Activity Level 3: Walking, getting on & off the coach, and possible stairs.

Activity Level 4: Walking, getting on & off the coach several times and stairs.

Activity Level 5: Walking distances which might be on non-flat surfaces, getting on & off the coach multiple times, and stairs.

Activity Level 6: All of the above, including multiple flights of stairs and activities requiring a higher level of stamina.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation policy on an extended trip is outlined by the tour company as stated in their trip brochure.

If you cancel a day trip or event after the date of the final payment and if we/you can find a person to take your place we will provide you with a full refund. In the event we don't have a wait list or you can't find a replacement, you will not receive any refund.

If the trip is scheduled with another tour company, then the trip cancellation policy is outlined by the tour company as stated in their trip brochure. If the trip is scheduled by the Classics Club then the cancellation policy will be listed on the Classics Club brochure/registration form for the specific trips.

CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 13 Puccini's *La Boheme* at the Lyric Opera House
- 15 Soup Sampling at Somonauk
- 17 Soup Sampling at HearthStone

FEBRUARY

- 2 For Love of Music at HearthStone
- 25-Mar 2 St. Augustine/Jacksonville, FL

MARCH

- 16 St. Patrick's Day Party at HearthStone
- 27 *Mamma Mia* at Drury Lane

APRIL

- 3-6 Mystery Trip
- 13 Ladies Night Out at HearthStone
- 27 Antique Show and Appraisal

MAY

- 2-7 Washington D.C.

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